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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL DECLARATION ON TERRORISM

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DURING ITS JULY 12-13
MEETING IN BRUSSELS (SEE SEPTTEL); BEING QUOTE:

1. THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HEREBY
DECLARE THAT THEY REGARD THE INHUMAN PRACTICE OF TAKING
HOSTAGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUTTING PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENTS,
FOR WHATEVER POLITICAL OR NON-POLITICAL ENDS AND FOR WHAT-
EVER MOTIVES, AS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

2. IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTELY TO
OPPOSE SUCH METHODS. IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL GOVERN-
MENTS TO COOPERATE IN COMBATTING THE EVIL OF TERRORISM.

3. RECENT EVENTS HAVE SHOWN ONCE AGAIN THAT NO COUNTRY, NO
PEOPLE AND NO GOVERNMENT CAN HOPE TO BE SPARED ACTS OF
TERRORISM, KIDNAPPINGS AND HIJACKINGS DIRECTED AGAINST ITS
CITIZENS AND INTERESTS UNLESS ALL COUNTRIES AGREE ON
EFFECTIVE MEASURES.

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4. IN THIS CONNECTION THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES DECLARE THAT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN SETTING UP EFFECTIVE WORLD-WIDE MEASURES TO ERADICATE AND PREVENT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, KIDNAPPINGS AND HIJACKINGS. MEMBER STATES UNDERTAKE TO PROSECUTE OR TO EXTRADITE THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES.

5. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TAKE NOTE OF THE DECISIONS WHICH THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE OF THE MEMBER STATES HAVE ALREADY TAKEN IN THIS MATTER IN RESPONSE OT THE REQUEST MADE AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HELD ON 1 AND 2 DECEMBER 1975 IN ROME, AND ASK THESE MINISTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

6. MORE PARTICULARLY, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ASK THEIR MINISTERS FOR JUSTICE TO SET UP A CONVENTION UNDER WHICH THE NINE MEMBER STATES UNDERTAKE TO PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. THEY SHALL ENSURE THAT AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE COOPERATE IN THIS. HINTON

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